

KENTUCKY VISITED BY MINE HORROR

HIGH LIVING TO BE INVESTIGATED BY CONGRESS

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The cost of living in the United States is to be thoroughly investigated by the ways and means committee, Representative Payne, chairman of the committee, introduced a resolution today providing for an investigation along the broadest lines. The resolution authorizes the ways and means committee to make a thorough investigation of the cost of living in the United States, and to ascertain the cost, production, wholesale and retail profits, and also inquire into the cost of living in foreign countries with the idea of recommending such legislation that will contribute to restore prices to their normal level. The committee is authorized to subpoena witnesses, employ experts, send for record papers and all other needed evidence. A thorough investigation of the so-called beef trust is provided in a resolution introduced today by Representative Coudrey. The resolution appropriates thirty thousand dollars to be used in getting facts. Fines of five thousand dollars with imprisonment of five years is provided for witnesses who decline to reveal the information.

Explosion of Gases Causes Death of Many Coal Miners—Sixteen Bodies Have Been Recovered.

FLOOD WATERS ARE RECEDING AT A RAPID RATE

By Associated Press
Paris, Feb. 1.—The height of the water at midnight at Pont Royale was 27 feet, 3 inches, a fall of nearly four feet from the highest point. The flood continues to drop three quarters of an inch per hour. Soldiers are still guarding many public buildings, while strong detachments have been sent to the outlying districts to stop the wholesale pillage. A patrol boat surprised a band of "Apaches" robbing a villa tonight at Boulogne Sur Seine. After an exciting chase in which a fusillade of shots were exchanged the robbers' boat was sunk. Two "Apaches" were killed and the others were captured.

HENRY TAFT IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 1.—The condition of Henry Taft, who is suffering from erysipelas is greatly improved tonight.

By Associated Press
DRAKESBORO, Ky., Feb. 1.—Sixteen bodies have been recovered, eight of which have been identified, and ten others rescued alive, from the twenty-five supposed to be still entombed in the Browder mine, in which there was an explosion today. It is believed the dead will number thirty. Of the ten rescued alive, five were seriously injured.

DRAKESBORO, Feb. 1.—Ten men are known to be dead and seventeen others are missing and are presumed to be penned up in the entries by falling slate, as the result of a gas explosion in the Browder mine at noon today. At 8 o'clock tonight eight bodies had been recovered, all being mutilated.

some beyond identification. Because of the accumulation of gases in the entry where the explosion took place, 170 feet beneath the ground, and 700 feet back from the mine shaft, it was impossible to begin active rescue work until six hours after the disaster occurred. A hundred men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, but most of them hastened to the cage, where they were quickly drawn to the top. It is believed all the entombed men are dead.

It is believed the explosion was caused by a track repairer going into an abandoned room with an uncovered lamp. The room was shattered almost to atoms and the body of the repairer was nowhere to be found.

FIRE DAMP WAS CAUSE OF EXPLOSION AT PRIMERE MINE

Forty-Seven Bodies Recovered Yesterday—Accident Was Caused by Carelessness of a Miner.

By Associated Press
PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 1.—Yesterday's disaster in the main mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, which claimed the lives of at least seventy-nine men, was caused by the explosion of fire damp, according to a survivor of the catastrophe of January 23, 1907 in the same mine in which 240 lives were lost. The same authority holds that the explosion was caused

ed by the ignition of gas from the flames originated probably through the carelessness of some miner. Forty-seven bodies have thus far been recovered. Tonight a large force of men is digging graves in the cemeteries at Trinidad and tomorrow the bodies recovered will be buried. Three drays have been transferred into temporary hearses to convey the bodies from the train to the cemeteries.

WORK STARTED TO RECOVER BODIES OF ENTOMBED MINERS

Mine Inspectors Remove Seal from the Cherry Mine—One Hundred and Sixty Bodies to be Recovered.

By Associated Press
CHERRY, Ill., Feb. 1.—Work was resumed tonight in the St. Paul mine by scores of men, following the removal today of the hermetic seal that has kept the subterranean passages closed for two months. Efforts will be made to clear the mine of the noxious vapors, and wall in any smoldering fire, and recover the hundred and sixty bodies that have been en-

tombed since November 13. The state mine inspectors, protected by oxygen helmets, descended 3500 feet to the bottom pit and took a sample of the gases. They reported that it would be impossible for any unprotected man to live at the bottom. There is much work to be done before the bodies can be recovered. No one can hazard a guess as to when the corpses will be recovered.

LEASERS SOON TO GO TO WORK ON COMSTOCK

Auditor Lyons of the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad company, who has leased the Comstock, and who has just equipped the shaft with a gasoline hoist, is making preparations for active development. R. C. Reed, who has been looking out for the property, will leave today for Tonopah to report to the company.

The Comstock is thought to be in line for some of the best veins in the camp, and all the wash through which the shaft was sunk shows good placer values. The shaft, which has passed the 200-foot level, bottoms in solid formation that is said to show milling values.—Round Mountain Nugget.

HORTON MILL AT GOLD CIRCLE COMPLETED

The New 20-stamp mill being erected at Gold Circle by the Horton company, of Battle Mountain, will be completed this week and a trial run will be had some day next week.

The ores to be reduced from the Horton group are gold, and from mill tests made in Salt Lake City

give better than \$30 per ton. There are several thousand tons of ore on the dumps already for milling, and a large amount blocked out in the mines ready to shoot down as soon as needed. The ore is free milling.

SHOULD SUE AUTHORITIES.

J. Williams, who was arrested Wednesday evening on suspicion that he was Reginald Graham, posing as the son of Lord Graham, and who is wanted for issuing fictitious checks, was discharged from custody this morning. It having been discovered that his description does not tally in any way with that of the person wanted.

During Mr. Williams' imprisonment he declares that he was fed only once a day, at 7 o'clock in the morning. He also states that during the time since his incarceration he was never taken before a magistrate.—Reno Gazette.

The great war story, "Custer's Last Stand," at the Butler tonight.

For good bread try the City Bakery. 1-21-4f
Wrist watches on leather straps are being worn.

FRIGHT CAUSES WOMAN TO LOSE HER EYESIGHT

By Associated Press
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 1.—As the result of a fright, Miss Christine Canfield, aged 21 years, has been totally blind since Friday. Miss Canfield is a stenographer in a business office and Friday her typewriter desk shut suddenly. Anticipating a crash and noise, she placed her hands over her eyes. The desk banged shut and Miss Canfield took her hands off her eyes, to a strange darkness. A surgeon says the young woman will regain her vision gradually.

JUDGE BEALE DIES AT LAS VEGAS

By Associated Press
LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 1.—Judge M. S. Beale, prominent in the affairs of southern Nevada for years and formerly an attorney in San Francisco, Denver and Topeka, died here tonight of pneumonia. The body will be shipped to Topeka.

REPORTS SHOW CATHOLIC INCREASE IN UNITED STATES

By Associated Press
MILWAUKEE, Feb. 1.—There are 22,587,079 Catholics under the American flag, according to advance sheets of an official Catholic directory published in this city. The count includes the Catholics in the United States proper, Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico, and the Hawaiian islands. The Catholic population under the British flag, according to the same directory, is 12,053,418. In the United States proper there are 14,347,027 Catholics, an increase of 111,576 over a year ago. In California there are 391,500.

EX-INSPECTOR McCANN SENTENCED TO PRISON

By Associated Press
CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Edward McCann, former police inspector, who was convicted of accepting bribes was sentenced today from one to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Barnes in the criminal court.

Rhinestones and crystal embroidery are being lavishly employed on evening gowns.

Jury Acquits May Talbot of Murder Charge

(Special to the Bonanza.)

RENO, Feb. 1.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury on the first ballot in the case of May Talbot, charged with the murder of her husband, Al Talbot, the Reno gambler, after that body had deliberated about 45 minutes. The verdict came in at 5:35 tonight and Mrs. Talbot was immediately released from custody after a trial

which has consumed twelve days and has been one of the most noted in the criminal annals of Washoe county.

Mrs. Talbot on October 28 last shot her husband during a struggle in the office of Attorney W. D. Jones here. Talbot died on November 7 after making a dying declaration that his wife was the aggressor and had shot him.

SHOULD BE EXAMINED AS TO HIS SANITY

E. G. Kidder, manager of the Mason townsite in Lyon county, made the following statement last week, when asked to sign the petition to remove the county seat from Dayton to Yerington:

"If the commissioners are compelled to call an election to decide where shall be located the county seat, I will spend ten thousand dollars to defeat Yerington. In order to defeat Yerington the town of Mason will help Dayton and in a couple of years when we have two or three thousand miners working who will vote for Mason, we will then take steps to remove the county seat to our town. In case Yerington, by a vote of the people, becomes the county seat I have partially arranged that one portion of Lyon county will go into Storey, another into Washoe, another into Churchill and still another into Ormsby."

If the great and only "Kidder" spent \$1, which is more reasonable in his case, he should be found guilty and given a heavy sentence for "butting in" on the laws of this state regarding the "purity of elections."

The fate of Jarbidge is sealed according to predictions of old prospectors who declare with the utmost solemnity that there has never been a good dry camp in the history of the world. Jarbidge occupies a peculiar position in mining. The site of the camp and the surrounding territory is embraced in a forest reserve where the sale of spirituous liquor is prohibited, and townsfolk schemes are in the same equation. If a man wishes to acquire a lot for his cabin or store, he goes to the forest ranger, puts up \$10, and gets a fee simple to the ground. Moral: Bring your booze.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH BLACKMAIL MAY GO FREE

By Associated Press
CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Jeannette Stewart-Ford may be freed tomorrow from the charge of blackmail of Charles Warriner, the defaulting local treasurer of the Big Four railroad. This unexpected turn in the woman's trial came this afternoon when her attorneys demanded a dismissal of the case on the grounds that the prosecuting attorney refused to submit to the court a transcript of the evidence given before the grand jury. A decision will be rendered tomorrow.

WIELAND COMMITTED TO INSANE ASYLUM

Robert W. Wieland, a stranger in Reno, who was found wandering about a residence portion of the city several days ago, apparently in a demented condition, was on Saturday examined by the board of insanity commissioners consisting of Drs. Rice, Ascher and Morrison and Judge John S. Orr, and was committed to the Nevada insane asylum following his examination on a charge of insanity. Wieland is a mining engineer and was for a time employed on a property at Millers, near Tonopah. He has a brother residing at Ironwood, Mich., who has been informed of the unfortunate man's condition.—Reno Gazette.

Opals are very stylish this winter, especially when set in a necklace or brooch.

Stock Firm on New York Exchange Fail for Million

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Fliske and Robinson, members of the New York stock exchange failed for a million dollars today. An involuntary petition of bankruptcy was filed by creditors in the United States district court and Bronson Winthrop appointed a receiver. The shrinkage in value of Buffalo and Susquehanna railway stocks and bonds held by the firm caused the failure. The failure is one of the largest since the panic of 1907, not so much as the liabilities are concerned, but in view of the importance of the firm, which has

branches at Chicago, Boston and Worcester. A statement issued by the receiver tonight says the firm has secured obligations that will approximate \$5,000,000 and that the unsecured debts will exceed a million dollars. The high cost of living indirectly caused the failure, according to Joseph Stanley Brown, manager of the New York office. He said it was becoming more difficult every day to sell the bonds because the high cost of living had driven the investors in search for securities that would bring a higher income than that afforded by bonds.

MONTANA TOWN IS VISITED BY A SERIOUS FIRE

By Associated Press
HELENA, Mont., Feb. 1.—Marysville, twenty miles southwest of this city is burning. The fire started in a restaurant and rapidly spread in the direction of the railway station. As there is no water supply in the town, the citizens were unable to fight the flames. At midnight all communication with Marysville was broken. The depot in which the Western Union is located and the store which contained the telephone office was destroyed. The loss is roughly estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

FIFTEEN CARS SWEEP AWAY IN THE FLOOD

The Caliente Prospector has the following item regarding the effects of the big flood that swept away many miles of track in Pedro road:

Division Car Inspector B. W. Lowell returned Wednesday evening from a trip to the scene of the wreck of 81, about 15 miles from Caliente. Mr. Lowell's trip was made that he might secure an estimate for the company on the amount of damage done to the rolling stock.

There were thirty-six cars on the train when it left Vegas. Of these seven remain on the track

ENGLISH CHURCH HOLDS FUNERAL SERVICES

The North Lonsdale Herald, an English newspaper of January 14th, contains the following relative to the death of James Burns, who died in this city New Year's day of blood poisoning, the article appearing under the caption, "The Late Mr. James Burns": Mr. and Mrs. Burns, of the Miners' Arms, the Hill, Millom, late of Roanhead, have received many kind tokens of sympathy on the death of their son. On Sunday a service was held in the church at The Hill, Millom, when touching reference was made to the sad event. The hymn "Rock of Ages," was feelingly sung as well as the three verses on the hymn on the funeral card. The deceased was well respected by a wide circle of friends.

NAMES LAND REGISTRAR.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—President Taft sent to the senate today the nomination of Valentine F. Gorman, of Independence, Cal., to be registrar of the land office at that place.